



***San Diego County
Fish & Wildlife Advisory Commission***

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PLACE: California Department of Fish and Game
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- A. Commissioner Sloane presided as Chair in the absence of Commissioner Dodd. Dawn Nielsen took minutes in the absence of Commissioner Campbell.

Call to Order at 6:31 p.m.

COMMISSIONERS	DISTRICT	
Jack Bransford	1	Present
Paul Kelpin	1	Present
Florence Sloane, Vice-Chair	2	Present
Bruce Campbell, Secretary	2	Absent
Rob Wilder	3	Present
Teresa Barth	3	Present
D'erdra Smothers, Ph.D	4	Absent
Jim Dodd, Chair	4	Absent
Jim Conrad	5	Present
Vacant	5	

B. Introductions

The Commissioners introduced themselves. Other introductions are as follows:

Dawn Nielsen, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures

Bob Atkins, Agricultural Commissioner/Sealer of Weights and Measures for the Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures

Steve Turigliatto, who will be appointed Commissioner for District 5 at the May 15th Board Meeting. He is a former Department of Fish and Game employee, and past president of

Pheasants Forever and Chairperson for California Water Fowl Association. He holds current state pest control licenses in Branch II and III.

Commissioner Kelpin introduced Sean Carey, who attending meeting as a potential Commissioner for District 1. He gave a short background on himself. He grew up in the Imperial Beach – Coronado area, extensively travels, and now currently an ocean lifeguard Captain for City of Coronado.

- C. Motion to approve the minutes of February 8, 2006 was made by Bransford, seconded by Conrad. Call for the vote: motion was approved unanimously. Commissioner Smothers abstained because she did not attend the meeting.
- D. Public Comment on any subject matter within Commission jurisdiction, but not on the agenda. (No discussion or action may be taken by the Commission.)
- E. Chairman's Report (Dodd)
No report
- F. Administrative Items--The Commission will discuss, and may take action on, administrative items related to the Commission.

Old:

1. San Diego Freshwater Fish Project (Campbell)

Commissioner Conrad toured Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute. He said it was the best aquaculture applied Science laboratory, working on either reintroducing fish to the wild or as potential food source. He said the white Seabass project was a great investment of grant money. He encouraged everyone to take a tour of the facility.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

2. Monthly Meeting with California Department of Fish and Game (Sloane)

Commissioner Sloane said two meetings were held since the last FWAC meeting and gave an overview of the Monthly meeting for the new attendees.

Handling of Report of Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commissioner (FWAC)/Department of Fish and Game (DFG)/San Diego County Wildlife Federation (SDCWF) meeting held on March 28, 2007. Present: Regional Manager Larry Eng, Terri Stewart, Nick Bechtel, Jack Bransford, and Florence Sloane

Topics discussed were:

DFG dove banding project.

The list of accessible DFG lands in San Diego County

Planned habitat improvement projects at Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area (HCWA)

Access to Boden Canyon Ecological Reserve (ER)

Development of wildlife curricula for a local community college

Access to local public lands

Land Management Plans for Rancho Jamul Ecological Preserve (RJER), HCWA, and (San Felipe Valley Wildlife Area) SFVWA.

Signage at local wildlife areas acknowledging local volunteer partnerships
Regulatory process regarding public uses on wildlife areas.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, 2007.

Report of FWAC/DG/SDCWF Meeting April 19, 2007. Present: Regional Manager
Larry Eng, Acting Regional Manager Kevin Hunting, Terri Stewart, Jack Bransford, Jim
Conrad and Florence Sloane

Topics discussed were:

DFG dove banding project.
The list of accessible DFG lands in San Diego County
Planned habitat improvement projects at HCWA
Development of wildlife curricula for a local community college
Public access to local public lands, including Boden Canyon ER and the Santa
Ysabel Open Space Preserve
LMPs for RJER, HCWA, and SFVWA.
Signage at local wildlife areas acknowledging local volunteer partnerships
Rancho Jamul Hunt's offer of mounted volunteer patrols at local wildlife areas.
The DFG's ongoing deer study.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 22, at 10:00 am

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

3. Fines/forfeiture monies for Fish & Game violations (Sloane)

No Update

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☒ No ☐

4. Day at the Docks (Smothers)

Commissioner Smothers reported that the event was from 9 to 5, and staff by herself with assistance from her mother. Most interest and potential grantees attended in the morning. A lot of general public, with most not aware of the FWAC. Commissioner Smothers also reported logistical problems with the display panels as they were heavy and not very wind-worthy for the outdoor event. She thought in the future, just setting up the banner would be sufficient. Retired Commissioner Pottorff has the banner and will give it to Dawn when he unpacks it. Commissioner Barth thanked Commissioner Smothers for taking on this event.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

5. FWAC Website (Bransford)

Dawn gave handed out copies of the proposed web pages she had designed for the FWAC. The FWAC had a new front page, link to Clerk of the Board FACT sheet. Also new pages for meeting information, ordinance/by laws, goals and objectives, grants and

Commissioners. A webpage for past projects was underway, but not completed. Dawn said if the FWAC approved of the web pages, she would upload them the next day. Also, the web pages would be housed on the County's server. She said she would also check into retaining the SDFWAC.org URL. The Commissioners reviewed the handouts. Commissioner Conrad suggested taking FWAC out of the FWAC FACT Sheet as the acronym was not explained on the page.

Motion was made to accept the webpages with modification suggested by Conrad, seconded by Smothers. Call for the vote: motion was approved unanimously.

Retain this item for next agenda Yes ☐ No ☒

New:

1. Department of Planning and Land Use Noticing (Dodd)

Dawn said that she had discussed having the Commissioners receive notices from the Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU) but didn't want to overburden them or miss items they may be interested in and was asking the Commissioners for directions on delineation. Dawn explained some of the different notices DPLU sent out. The discussion centered on any projects that affected the "prudent use, protection and perpetuation of San Diego's Wildlife" which is found in their mission. The Commissioner discussed it was their duty to comment on these projects. Commissioner Atkins suggested perhaps any projects that were of interest to Tom Oberbauer (Multiple Species Conservation Plan Chief in Planning and Land Use) and Trish Boaz (Resource Manager Chief in Parks and Recreation). Dawn said she would contact them for suggestions. The Commissioners also discussed how to handle non-county items such as San Felipe Valley and felt that it was appropriate to write a review to the Board of Supervisors.

G. Commissioner's Corner –

Teresa Barth – Mentioned that next meeting was grants presentation. She also wanted to add By-laws to the agenda.

D'erdra Smothers – Asked about the FWAC DVD's that were issued to the County Libraries. She was concerned because they weren't at the library branches and there didn't seem to be a way to check them out. Commissioner Barth said that the County library was changing their system: materials are centralized and then as materials are requested, sent out to the requesting library. This was a concern to Commissioner Barth as a member of Friends of Cardiff Library because they purchase materials for their library and they do not necessarily end up there. She said she would check out regarding the DVDs. She said she had delivered all copies to the Cardiff Library for dissemination to the other libraries.

Paul Kelpin – Said he had made inquiries to local bass fishermen regarding opening Sweetwater lake to boating.

Jim Conrad – He had three topics of discussion: 1. Recently he had discuss Boden Canyon with Phil Rath from Supervisor Horn's office. 2. He showed the handout from the Wildlife Research Institute who had recommended restrictions on hiking in certain

areas in the county. 3. There are not enough wardens to do the job needed and encouraged Commissioner to contact legislators. He said in a recent DFG operation in northern California that 40 out of 76 abalone inspections were found to be in violation of State Game laws. He asked Commissioner Atkins about creating an outreach educational program that targeted specific groups about current restrictions.

Rob Wilder – Agreed with the need for more wardens for Fish and Game. He said the fish he was catching were smaller in size.

Jack Bransford – Spoke of National Hunting and Fish Day. He said the San Diego County Wildlife Federation was trying to put together another one day event. However, the city lake where the event has been held may not be a viable option so they are looking into other options. One suggestion has been Santee Lakes. Commissioner Bransford was also interested in recognizing individuals who have contributed to the perpetuation of wildlife in SD county.

H. Adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting:

1. By Laws
2. Financial Statement
3. Grant Presentations
4. DVDs
5. Recognition of service to wildlife
6. Education/Outreach program
7. Position paper for funding for wardens

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